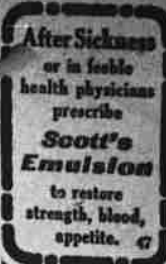




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ADVERSE REPORT ON BIG SANDY RIVER

Further Improvements Not Deemed
Advisable by the U. S. Army Board

Big Sandy river will not be further improved by the United States Government if the report of the Board of Engineers is permitted to settle the matter. An appeal will be made by our Congressmen, however, and a hard fight may secure favorable action.

It would certainly be a mistake on the part of the Government to not build at least a few more dams, as the system now reaches barely to the edge of the coal field. Two more dams in Tug river and three in Levisa would reach a sufficient coal territory to justify the expenditures already made. It is very much to be hoped that the authorities at Washington will decide to do this and thus save what has been done.

Following is the circular sent out from Cincinnati:

1. It having come to the notice of the Board made up of the undersigned members that you have expressed an interest in the pending proposition for the improvement of Tug and Levisa, forks of the Big Sandy river, Kentucky and West Virginia, you are hereby informed that the preliminary examination of the locality named, with a view to certain improvements therein, authorized by the act of Congress approved July 25, 1912, has been made, and that the report submitted thereon is unfavorable to the improvement.

2. You are further notified that all interested parties have the privilege of an appeal from this conclusion to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, a permanent body sitting at Washington, D. C., to which all examination and survey reports of this character are referred. Parties desiring to do so may be heard on appeal by the Board, either orally or in writing. Written communications should be addressed to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Room 135, Southern Building, Washington, D. C., and should be mailed in time to be in the possession of the said Board within three weeks (Feb. 27th.) If oral hearings are desired, dates for the same may be arranged for by correspondence with the Board.

3. You are requested to communicate the foregoing to any persons known by you to be interested in the improvement and who, not being known to this office, do not receive a copy of this communication.

4. The grounds upon which the adverse conclusion is based are that the physical characteristics of the river are such that it cannot be improved at a reasonable cost so as to complete successfully with rail transportation, that the physical conditions are so unfavorable as to prevent the development of any large commerce after the completion of the proposed improvement, and that the cost of such improvement would be excessive when compared with resulting benefits.

5. Any further information needed may be obtained upon application to the recorder of the Board at Room 415, Custom House (P. O. Box 118), Cincinnati, Ohio, where the essential parts of the report bearing upon the question of worthiness may be seen, with the understanding that all information so obtained is for personal use only and not for publication.

Very respectfully,
W. C. LANGFITT, Col.
H. C. NEWCOMER, Lt. Col.
L. H. RAND, Major.

A PENNY PARTY.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will, on Friday evening, March 20, at the Savoy hotel, entertain with a Penny Party. That is to say, you will be charged a penny for entrance, a penny for a seat, a penny for a knife and ditto for a spoon and one cent for each and every spoonful of what you eat—and there will be lots of it. The NEWS suggests that the ladies be charged a penny per word for what language they use on this novel occasion.

A penny for your thoughts.

EXAMINATION FOR RURAL CARRIERS.

On Saturday next, March 14, applicants for the place of Rural Mail carrier will be held at the public school building, beginning at 9:30 a. m. The examination will be conducted by Postmaster A. M. Hughes. There are ten applicants.

ED "CASSVILLE" CITIZEN DEAD.
Miss Blanton, who lived in Fort Meade when it was better known as Cassville, Sunday died in Huntington, where she had lived several days. The funeral was held at Fort Gay and burial was made in Fairbury.

EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR POSTMASTERSHIPS.

Recently in this city a member of the Civil Service Commission held an examination of candidates who want to be appointed postmasters of the fourth class offices in this county. The following persons took the examination: George Kountz and E. C. Berry, Blaine; Mrs. Williamson, the incumbent, and Dr. J. F. Hatten; Mrs. Sallie Gardner, Webbville; Milt Evans, Gallup, and Mr. Humphreys, Torchlight. The examination was conducted by C. W. Paine, of Washington, D. C.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

One of the most interesting aids of the M. E. Church south in this city is the Junior Epworth League. It had a small beginning, but under the direction of its Superintendent, Mrs. B. M. Keita, the helpful wife of the pastor, it has thrived and grown wonderfully. It now numbers 83 boys and girls who are earnestly and systematically and successfully working to do something good in their day and generation and grow up into good and useful men and women. The Junior League has its own regular officers, consisting of president and vice presidents, secretary and treasurer, makes out its own programme under the supervision of Mrs. Keita, and meets at the church every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The meetings are well attended, and the interest of the members is well maintained. These little people are doing a great work for themselves, a work which will have its good effects in the church and the community.

IN THE OIL FIELD.

J. M. Turner, contractor drilling a well for the Busseyville Oil Co., had the misfortune to drop a bit and stem into the well when it had reached the depth of 1700 feet, where the oil sand is found. It is not yet known whether it will be possible to get the bit out.

The well on Thor. H. Burchett's farm looks to be the best in the field. Reports say it is good for fifteen barrels.

The well on Mrs. Lackey's place is estimated at ten barrels.

The Ohio Fuel Oil Company is taking all the leases it can get in the surrounding territory.

DR. E. H. MAGGARD.

Dr. Maggard, surgeon for the Elkhorn Fuel Co., Beaver Creek, was in this city recently, having brought an employee of the company to Riverview hospital for treatment. The doctor was at one time the physician at the State Reformatory at Frankfort. He resigned that position to accept the one he now holds. Dr. Maggard's headquarters are at Wayland.

BIGAMIST LANDED IN JAIL AT LOUISA

Ecker McDugal, Alias McKensie, charged with having three living wives.

Roanoke, Va., Mar. 7.—Described in letters from Louisa, Ky., as a ladies' man and active in church work, formerly of Ivorydale, Ohio, Ecker McKensie, 30 years old, said to be in the employ of the N. & W., was arrested here today on a warrant charging bigamy.

The arrest was made on information from Lawrence county, Ky., charging that McKensie is Albin L. McDugal, who escaped from the Lawrence county jail, at Louisa, several years ago. According to information from Louisa, McDugal married Edna May Austin in Lawrence county, Ky., in August, 1911, when he had a wife, who was Miss Nancy Bennett, living in Lawrence county, O., near Ironton, whom he is charged with having married Apr. 20, 1910.

Under the name of McKensie the man arrested today married Mrs. Fannie Groves, a widowed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Overstreet, of Roanoke.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

This much married and badly "wanted" man is now in the Lawrence county jail here. Sheriff Stone had been on his trail for some time, and when he was arrested in Roanoke the officer set about to bring him back to this county. The prisoner had an examining trial in Roanoke, however, and was released on bail. McDugal did not remain in Roanoke, but broke bail and fled. Sheriff Stone was informed of this, and knowing that the man had relatives in Charleston, W. Va., so informed the detectives. McDugal was seen to get off the train in Charleston and was trailed to the residence of one of his kin. Two of his relatives occupied adjoining houses. The buildings were surrounded, and when the fugitives emerged from their hiding place he was arrested. Sheriff Stone was informed of this and immediately went to Charleston for his man. McDugal at first demurred to coming back to Kentucky without a regulation, but finally consented to waive this formally, and he and the Sheriff arrived here Monday night.

KILLED BY N. & W. TRAIN AT FT. GAY

John Speers Instantly Killed by a Fast Passenger Train.

Shortly after two o'clock on last Saturday afternoon John Speers, a well known citizen of Fort Gay, W. Va., was struck by east-bound N. & W. passenger train No. 16 and almost instantly killed. Speers, who had been a section man in the employ of the company was walking west on the track immediately below the passenger depot, apparently oblivious of the fact that the swift going train was rapidly approaching. He usually walked with his head somewhat bent forward, and on this occasion it was observed that he was looking at a paper stick he was carrying. He had just reached a point just below the station, when the train came around a slight curve and struck him, hurling him twenty or thirty feet from the track. When Mr. Speers was picked up he was living but died in a few minutes. He had been hit in the forehead by the pilot beam. His skull was crushed and his left arm broken.

The unfortunate man was buried on Sunday in the Beare graveyard. He was a son of Jack Speers, an old and well-known resident of Wayne county. The deceased was 36 years old and is survived by a widow, four children and a brother and sister. His wife was a daughter of Middleton Spencer, who formerly lived in Louisa. He was a quiet, sober man, and his untimely and shocking death is much regretted.

WEST VIRGINIA ITEMS.

A complete investigation showed that five were missing and none were injured in the fire which destroyed the Lowe and Union Bank building at Clarckburg, W. Va.

S. U. G. Rhodes, of Mingo county, in the Moundsville penitentiary for bribery, is reported to be dangerously ill, and efforts are being made to secure a pardon for him.

Henry Green, negro, 25 years old, was hanged at Moundsville. His neck was not broken. Green killed his mistress in McDowell county last October in a fit of jealousy.

After evading the authorities for nearly two years, William McGirr, whose home is said to be in Starnas, Ky., is now in the Logan jail charged with the murder of two foreigners at Rockhouse, on Coal river, April 17, 1912. McGirr is a blacksmith by trade, about forty years old, married and has a family.

Surgeons who operated upon Mrs. Laura Cassell, of Widdell, W. Va., for appendicitis, failed to find the appendix on the right side and finally located it on the left side by a second operation. A further examination disclosed the fact that heart, spleen and liver were also on reverse sides.

J. F. Ritchie, J. R. Burns, Chas. S. Windsor, W. C. Devault and C. Y. Fause, of Fairmont, W. Va., have incorporated the Lincoln Coal Mines Corporation with a capital stock of \$150,000. Their plans provide for extensive coal and development in Lincoln and Logan counties, but details have not been announced.—Manufacturers' Record.

Judge R. B. Dyer, of Charleston, who has been hearing testimony in the \$25,000 damage suit of Mrs. Anna Hall against C. & O. Ry., for damages alleged to have been sustained when she was shot from the armored train which passed up Paint creek during the recent miners' strikes, ordered the jury to bring in a verdict for the railroad company, declaring Mrs. Hall's evidence failed to make a case.

A deal involving the lease of about 1400 acres of coal, oil and gas land in Lincoln county, on Guyan river near the mouth of Big creek, was closed this week between Beck and George Buskirk, of this city, owners of the tract and Postmaster Jerry Dingess, of Huntington; Virgil A. Highland, of Clarkburg, and James S. Lakin, president of the State Board of Control. The lessees intend to open the tract at once, first going after oil, and they expect to let contracts for the drilling of three wells at once.—Logan Democrat.

Acting on word received from federal authorities at Huntington on Saturday, Logan officials arrested V. H. Dingess and held him until Monday when Deputy Marshal Ketchem arrived and took him into formal custody. Dingess was given a preliminary hearing at Huntington and held under \$1,000 bail to answer charges of white slavery and violations of the postal laws. It is alleged that Dingess eloped with the wife of H. D. Hatcliff of Ashland, Ky., to Huntington and that from there the two went to Logan. Sensational developments are expected when the case comes to trial.

422 KENTUCKY CONVICTS PAROLED

Decision of Court of Appeals Releases This Large Number.

The State Prison Commission has paroled 422 convicts, who will be released from the Frankfort Reformatory and the Kentucky Penitentiary, at Eddyville, by March 13th. They were paroled as a result of the decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of John De Moss, of Campbell county, against the Commonwealth. Of the list 232 will be released from the Frankfort Reformatory and 189 from the Kentucky Penitentiary.

Following are those from counties in this part of the State:

William Bailey, Greenup county; breaking into storehouse; served one year.

Melinda Blankenship, Pike county; manslaughter; served three years.

Oscar Brewer, Pike county; manslaughter; served two years.

Hem Collins, Pike county; manslaughter; served three years.

Wallace Collins, Carter county; false swearing; served three years and four months.

Kenner Davis, Johnson county; detaining a woman; served three years.

Frank Ferguson, Martin county; grand larceny; served one year and three months.

James Gannon, Pike county; manslaughter; served two years.

Lee Johnson, Pike county; murder; served two years and four months.

Green McCoy, Pike county; robbery; served two years.

Albert Pack, Johnson county; grand larceny; served two years.

John Pack, Lawrence county; malicious shooting; served twenty-five months.

Mildred Ward, Greenup county; murder; served three years.

Silas Green, Knott county; malicious shooting; served three years and three months.

Jack Preitt, Martin county; false swearing; served twenty-six months.

Robert Hammond, Boyd county; manslaughter; served three years.

H. E. Kirk, Greenup county; manslaughter; served two years.

Charles Lacker, negro, Greenup county; stealing from C. C.; served two years.

A TACKY PARTY.

The ladies of the M. E. Church gave a "tacky" party on Saturday night last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Jordan. It was the most tacky sort of an affair, greatly enjoyed by all who attended. For "heading the procession" the first prize was awarded to Mrs. Billie Riffe. Among the juvenile entries the pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gentry took the prize. Cake and coffee were served.

SOME OPERATIONS.

Dr. W. B. McClure, who was here from Lexington recently, performed several operations during his stay. Among them was one on Mrs. Frank Matney, of Pikeville, for the removal of her tonsils. Mrs. Matney is a sister of Mrs. George Lewis, of this city.

Another operation was on Miss Harline Crutcher for the removal of adenoids. These operations were performed at Riverview hospital and were successful. Dr. McClure returned Monday to Lexington.

DISSOLUTION SALE.

On April 1st Isralsky & Kohn, of this city, will dissolve partnership. Preparatory to that event the entire stock of the concern will be offered on special sale at special, unheard of prices. The goods offered are not odds and ends of a worn out stock, but are seasonable assortments of all kinds of merchandise. The sale will begin Saturday, March 14th, and continue 15 days. Jake the Jew promises unparalled bargains, and Jake makes good.

POTTER.

Rev. Wayne Salyer will preach here Saturday night and Sunday. R. S. Hayes and family, of Canaan City, are visiting his father.

Drew Adkins, of Buffalo, W. Va., was here Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Chapman, of Donthon, and Mrs. Carl Compton, of Torchlight, were visiting relatives here recently.

G. B. Hayes has recently been employed as freight agent at Fairbury.

F. R. Adkins and C. D. Hayes made a trip to Beaver recently.

Mrs. Tom Vance and Nora Saulsberry were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Junia Adkins, who is attending school at Louisa, visited home folks Sunday.

The boys of the community are contemplating starting a literary at Hulet branch soon.

Rev. M. A. Hay will preach here Sunday, March 22nd. CHIEF.

Pikeville has a new weekly, the Pike County News, W. L. Morris, publisher, and Mrs. W. L. Morris, associate editor.

IN HOSPITAL WITH LACERATED LEG.

James Combs, an employee of the Consolidated Coal Co., of Beaver Creek, is at the Louisa hospital suffering from the effects of an accident which occurred in the mines of the company a short time ago. While at work there one of Combs' legs was caught between a couple of mine cars and the calf of the leg was nearly torn away. For several days it was thought that amputation would have to be resorted to in order to save the injured member but that danger is now past and unless some unexpected trouble ensues the man will get well.

DEATH OF MRS. EZRA HATTEN.

After a long illness caused by tuberculosis Mrs. Ezra Hatten died at her home in this city on Wednesday night, aged about 33 years. She is survived by her husband and several relatives, among whom is a brother, Sam Salyer, of Pittsburgh, who was at her bedside when death ended her suffering. Mrs. Hatten was childless. The funeral will occur Friday at 1:30 p. m. Services will be held at the M. E. Church.

Before marriage Mrs. Hatten was Miss Sadie Patton, and was a sister of Mr. Henry Patton, of Magoffin county. She was a quiet woman, of domestic tastes, well liked by all who knew her. Her friends will regret her untimely death.

OLD TIME SPELLING BEE.

An old time "spelling bee" was held at the court house on Friday evening last. It was an enjoyable affair and was well attended. The captains were Miss Elizabeth Lester and S. B. Chandler. In the general match Miss Lester's side was the victor. In the spelling match for prizes Miss Lester captured the first prize, a Bible, and Miss Osborn won the second prize, a box of candy. Mr. J. B. McClure "gave out" the words to be spelled. It was given for the benefit of the Baptist Church.

SHIVELY HOTEL BURNED.

On Thursday of last week, about 3:30 a. m., fire broke out in the third story of the Shively hotel, Catlettsburg, and before it could be extinguished the building was almost totally destroyed. All the occupants were driven from the building, many having narrow escapes. The origin of the fire has not been given.

MR. MAYO IS BETTER.

Reports from the Cincinnati hospital say Mr. John C. C. Mayo is slowly but steadily improving.

U. S. AGRICULTURAL AGENT FOR LAWRENCE CO.

Government Expert is in Louisa to Assist and Advise Our Farmers.

Mr. E. S. Kegley, who has been appointed U. S. Agricultural agent for Lawrence county, has arrived and is arranging the necessary preliminaries for beginning his work. Louisa will be his present headquarters, from which he will operate throughout the county. Dr. Mutchler, who has charge of the U. S. Agricultural Extension at Lexington, will be here on Monday next when definite plans will be arranged.

Mr. Kegley is a man of much intelligence, apparently thoroughly informed concerning his work. He is an agricultural farmer, and is a practical farmer, reared in the rich farming district of southwestern Virginia—reared between rows of corn, so to speak, but by no means a "punkin head."

For the present Mr. Kegley will be found at the Brunswick, where he will be glad to meet and become acquainted with our Lawrence county farmers. This note is merely introductory. After Dr. Mutchler comes the NEWS will have more to say of this good move to better the agricultural interests of the county.

THE SICK.

Frank Wallace, Jr., who has been in a critical condition for several days, was Thursday reported as considerably improved.

Mrs. G. W. Castle, who was very sick last week, is recovering nicely.

Mr. R. T. Burns was very seriously ill last week but his friends will be glad to learn that his condition is considerably improved.

Mrs. J. W. Yates is better after a serious illness of some weeks.

JAMES TRIMBLE TO BE BANK EXAMINER.

The Comptroller of the Currency has promised to appoint James Trimble, formerly of Catlettsburg, a national bank examiner in the District of Columbia if he passes an examination. Mr. Trimble is a thorough banker and will make a good officer.

C. & O. RAILWAY PLANS FOR EXTENSION

Announcement Made by President Stevens as to Earnings and New Line

New York, March 10.—George W. Stevens, President of the C. & O., says: "At the current rate of earnings Chesapeake & Ohio will earn 7 per cent upon stock in the fiscal year ending June 30 next. This will leave a margin of 3 per cent above dividend requirements. On July 1 next the Hocking Valley expects to begin construction of an extension south from Columbus to make a direct connection with the C. & O. main line at Portsmouth, a distance of about 90 miles. This work will take two years to complete and will be financed separately. It is expected that C. & O. will derive sufficient coal tonnage from this connection to more than warrant the expenditure. At present C. & O. makes its connection with the Hocking Valley over the Kanawha and Michigan, either from Gauley, W. Va., or Point Pleasant."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Railway Up Tygart.

After the bridge a railway line up Tygart on the north and south survey is a certainty, and here is every assurance that it will be built by the C. & O., making a direct line from the Big Sandy coal fields to the lakes, saving many miles of haulage over the Big Sandy line and easier and cheaper of construction than the double-tracking of the Big Sandy branch, which will be unable to accommodate the increased traffic that is coming from that section now being developed. This Tygart line will be to the C. & O. what the Naugatuck-Kenova 60-mile construction was to the N. & W., in relieving itself of the wandering mileage of the Twelve-Pole division, a division that couldn't possibly handle one-tenth of the business that is now handled by the N. & W. over the new line. The reference to the Tygart valley line is not an idle dream, but is backed by an information that is considered reliable and the plausibility of it is most convincing.—Portsmouth Blade.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES.

On Tuesday evening next the Rector, the Rev. J. Howard Gibbons, will preach in the M. E. Church. The service will begin at 7 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend. On Monday evening, March 30, the Rt. Rev. L. W. Burton, Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, will hold service and preach at the M. E. Church. Those who have heard Bishop Burton preach will gladly embrace the opportunity for hearing him again.

COLUMBUS, O.

Editor News: While reading the Sunday edition of the Ohio State Journal last Sunday morning I found about sixteen pages devoted to automobiles including part of the first page. Is it any wonder how eagerly we used to grasp the NEWS and read especially from Glenwood and vicinity where Bill Spivins has a home for automobiles? I have been reading from a horse; that St. Plank had rented his new ground to Obe Marshall; that Rev. Evans would preach at Straight Creek; that Luke McGloot was calling on his best girl Sunday; that farmer Jones made the editor a present of a bushel of Ben Davis apples; and so on with all the interesting happenings of the community. For this in interesting information, and is what the people read and what they want in the paper. They do not first turn to the news about Mexico, or the progress of the Panama canal legislation, or what the smart set is doing in New York. They may read them or they may not, but where they turn to first is the local, the personal column, the information about their friends and neighbors, what they are doing or what is happening to them.

The local features of a country newspaper are endearing to them. When they move away they have it sent to them and they read every number because it tells them all about their old friends, and they are thereby kept in touch with the place that will always be back home. The country paper is an indispensable part of the home. Being once a resident of Lawrence county but lately of Columbus, you can bet I will in the future be a subscriber to the dear old Big Sandy News. J. M. T.

LAWRENCE CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit court will convene here April 13th. The jury list will be published as soon as available, by request of Sheriff Stone.

Mrs. Guy Atkins has been re-elected second vice president of the Woman's Missionary Society, West Virginia Conference. Keith was chosen as secretary for the Ashland district. The same was done at Huntington.